

Thanksgiving

FUN FACTS

ALL ABOUT THE BIRD

TURKEY FACTS

- 1 Benjamin Franklin preferred the turkey to the bald eagle as America's national bird.
- 2 Turkeys have three-times better vision than humans. They can also see in color and their eyesight covers 270 degrees.
- 3 Presidential pardons for turkeys started in 1989.
- 4 Turkeys have 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.
- 5 Wild turkeys can fly at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour in short bursts.

THANKSGIVING DAY FACTS



1830

An 8-10 pound turkey cost a day's wages that year.



195 MILLION

The number of turkeys raised in the Nation in 2025, down 3% from last year.



46 MILLION

Number of turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving.



\$1.41-\$1.79

Current USDA commodity price. Many stores are offering Turkeys at much lower prices.

MISSOURI FACTS



15 MILLION

The number of turkeys produced in Missouri in 2025.



TOP 5

Missouri was tied for 5th place among top 5 turkey producing states in 2025.



300-400,000

The estimated number of wild turkeys in Missouri.



\$2.1 MILLION

Live, prepared or preserved turkey meat exports to other countries from Missouri in 2024.



Shop at the 902 retail supermarkets, 125 meat markets, 30 fruit and vegetable markets, and 52 retail bakeries in Missouri for turkey alternatives.

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